

We claim:

1. A theft deterrent device adapted to be connected to an item of merchandise to discourage shoplifting; the device comprising:

a first member;

a second member;

a hinge connecting the first member to the second member and allowing the members to move from an unlocked position to a locked position;

a lock adapted to lock the first member to the second member in the locked position; and

the members defining at least first and second openings adapted to receive the item of merchandise such that the device is connected to the item of merchandise.

2. The holder of claim 1, wherein the lock includes four locking fingers.

3. The holder of claim 1, wherein:

the first member has a jaw portion;

the second member has a jaw portion;

the jaw portions adapted to be closed on the item of merchandise; and

the aligned openings being defined by at least one of the jaw portions.

4. The holder of claim 1, wherein the first and second openings are aligned and coaxial.

5. The holder of claim 1, wherein the first and second openings are perpendicular to each other.

6. The holder of claim 1, wherein the first and second openings are offset.

7. The holder of claim 1, wherein the members define a third opening; the third opening being perpendicular to the first and second openings.

8. The holder of claim 7, wherein each of the members define jaw portions; at least one of the jaw portions of the members defining the first, second, and third openings.

9. A theft deterrent device adapted to be connected to an item of merchandise to discourage shoplifting; the device comprising:

a first member;

a second member;

a hinge connecting the first member to the second member and allowing the members to move from an unlocked position to a locked position;

a lock adapted to lock the first member to the second member in the locked position;

the second member defining a slot adapted to receive a portion of the item of merchandise;

the first member carrying a tooth that is adapted to pass through the item of merchandise disposed in the slot of the second member when the first member is in the locked position.

10. A theft deterrent device adapted to be connected to an item of merchandise to discourage shoplifting; the device comprising:

a first member;

a second member;

a hinge connecting the first member to the second member and allowing the members to move from an unlocked position to a locked position;

a lock adapted to lock the first member to the second member in the locked position;

the second member defining a slot adapted to receive a portion of the item of merchandise;

a loop having first and second ends; each of the ends defining an opening;

a portion of the loop being disposed in the slot defined by the second member such that the first and second ends are disposed adjacent the second member; and

the first member carrying a tooth that is adapted to pass through the openings of the ends when the first member is in the locked position.

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